

Editorial

Technology has progressed significantly in the 37 years since the first publication of *Mauri Ora* which has evolved into *New Zealand Natural Sciences*. Earlier editorials published in the journal have highlighted the introduction of 'microcomputers' and 'laser printers' into journal production and thanked 'typists' for their work. Currently, most scientific journals are available in electronic formats on the internet which increases their availability and accessibility to a wide range of readers.

We are proud to introduce our new website (www.nznaturalsciences.org.nz) which provides free access to current and archived issues of *New Zealand Natural Sciences* and *Mauri Ora*. We hope to increase readership and citations of the journal by making it widely available in this format. The website is easier to navigate and allows you to browse all published articles, short notes, book reviews, and editorials. You will also find instructions to authors, contact details and submission deadlines on this page. The editors now have direct access and control over the website, enabling us to make regular updates.

We hope that the increased availability of the articles published in *New Zealand Natural Sciences* will help raise the profile of this valuable communication outlet and continue to encourage scientists at all levels to publish original research papers on all aspects of natural sciences in New Zealand and Antarctica. One of the early aims of the journal was to encourage students to prepare and submit their research for publication. We would like to re-emphasise this point and encourage supervisors to promote *New Zealand Natural Sciences* as a potential journal to their students. Since its inception, this journal has been run and produced primarily by postgraduate students. So, we ask students to consider volunteering some time to be involved with the production of this journal – it is a great experience!

We have had some major problems with our email recently due to a change in the email system at the university. We apologise to anyone who has been affected by this and encourage you to check the website for our current contact details.

Finally, we would like to express our thanks to reviewers, members of the editorial board, and the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Canterbury for their efforts and support. In particular, we thank Matt Walters for all his help with the new website. We look forward to building on the work of all those involved in creating *New Zealand Natural Sciences* and guiding its development.

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